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1. On 25 November 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Between 16 and 25 November, an undetermined number of troops daily received instruction on 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the western training area and, on 21 November, 13 x 37-mm AA guns were lined up in the barracks yard. On 21 November, 3 trucks, each towing 1 x 37-mm AA gun, left the installation. They returned at about 5 p.m. Between 16 and 25 November, an undetermined number of troops daily received instruction on 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 Fuaso-3 ballistic directors and 1 radar with parabolic reflector in the southeastern training area. On 19 November, 4 trucks, each towing 1 x 85-mm AA guns and each occupied by about 10 soldiers; and 3 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, were seen leaving the installation. The vehicles returned at about 6 p.m.

2. Between 16 and 25 November, the construction of the vehicle sheds at the parking lot in the southwest section of the installation continued. The reconstruction as vehicle shed of the former stable started on 18 November. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation

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                     Comment. The occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne by a light and a medium regiment of the 32d AAA Div (US) did not change since the last report of mid-November. The Fuaso-3 ballistic directors and the Whiff-type AAA firing equipment had previously been reported.                                     

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